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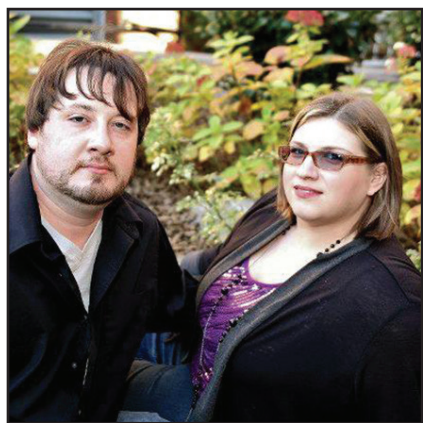


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Quint and Amanda Spraggs

Q and A to perform at Fall Fest

The Hickman County Fall Festival on the Square is only couple of weeks away now, and some great talent is being lined up for entertainment.

The band “Q and A” will be performing on Saturday, September 28 for all to enjoy.

While Q and A has not formally played in Hickman County before, performers Amanda and Quint Spraggs are former members of Hope Community Church, and Quint is an alumnus of Hickman County High School.

According to Amanda, Q and A is “a faith-based group that play an eclectic mix of Southern Gospel, Contemporary Christian, and family friendly secular tunes to give everyone, no matter their age, something positive and upliftint to fill their ears.” The band recently signed a recording contract with the Christian label Tate Music Group, out of Oklahoma.

Quint and Amanda love all styles of music, and it really shows in the selections that they chooose to fill their set lists.

“We simply want to spread a message of love, light, and to give thanks from where it all came... God,” Amanda

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Mounday, Irons sentenced

Two of the three men charged in the beating death of Derek Moore, of Cunningham, on September 24, 2011 were sentenced on Thursday, Sept. 5.

Connell Mounday and Jeremy Irons, each charged with two counts of Tampering with Physical Evidence and one count of Wanton Endagerment, were each sentenced to 15 years in prison (five years for each offense).

The third man involved, Kendrick Hunt, has a jury trial set for January 26-30 in Hickman County.

Water a hot topic at city council meeting

Daniel Richardson

The Clinton City Hall was a packed house when the city council convened Monday night, with 23 people crammed into the foyer at the beginning of the meeting. Of the guests present, most were there to address water problems in one form or another. Regina Cruz and Michelle Brann both addressed

the council about two separate cases of drainage issues causing property damage, and Mary Potter spoke to the councilmembers about a proposed water rate increase brought forth by Utilities Inc.

Cruz, who lives on College St., complained that recent drainage problems have caused damage to her property, claiming that it will cost up

to \$7,000 to repair her driveway from recent damages, and that her property value has subsequently decreased over four years since she moved into the residence.

Clinton Mayor Tommy Kimbro and Clinton City Administrator Allen Poole promised to look into the matter, and see what the city could do to fix the issue. The mayor was cautious about

making any definite statements, stating that research must be done into the legal matters of the situation before the city can commit to a specific action.

Brann, who lives on Richmond Dr., spoke of similar problems due to improper storm drainage. Officials one again promised to look into the issue

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ANNUAL PICNIC

Churches of the West Kentucky Baptist Association joined together at Columbus-Belmont State Park on Sunday, Sept. 8. Dallas Pruitt and Barry Patrick (right photo) leads the congregation in praise and worship at the event. Those present enjoyed a meal and a message from Cecil Fayard, of Ship to Shore Ministries. See full story on page 2. (Photos by Jennifer Nuckolls)



Fiscal court comes to aid of Senior Center

Jennifer Nuckolls

The Hickman County Fiscal Court reviewed a variety of issues during their September meeting held on Monday night. Among the issues discussed was the 2013 Proposed tax rate of 15.0, which will produce a total of \$295,952 in revenues. With no objections made from the public, the court moved and seconded in favor of the proposed increase along with any other adjustments to the 2013 Tax Bill and then proceeded with further business.

Bro. Phillip McClure was present at the meeting to speak briefly about the Senior Citizen funding issue at hand. Hickman County Judge/Executive Greg Pruitt explained to the board members that he and Mr. McClure had been working together to come up with some sort of budget for the senior citizen’s for this year.

With current federal and state funding cuts, Mr. McClure pleaded for help from the fiscal court. For Kentucky Association of Counties (KACO) insurance expenses alone, McClure asked it of the court to make the payment of \$8,367 that is due by the first of the month. With no hesitation,

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Leadership group is largest yet

Jennifer Nuckolls

The 2013-14 Clinton-Hickman County Chamber Leadership Program will consist its largest group of students yet, this year. With a total of 29 applicants thus far, all students who applied have been notified with their acceptance to the program.

On Friday, September 6, Leadership Director Ivan Potter accompanied by Melissa Goodman, Beverly Hopkins and new mentor Mary Potter, held a brief welcoming assembly with the selected students.

This weekend, September 13 and 14, the students will be attending a mandatory orientation retreat held at Bone Cabin in Clinton, Kentucky.

During the two-day event, students will receive all of their assignments and material needed for the program. Each participant will be responsible for completing a number of task before leadership graduation that is scheduled to be held on May 4, 2014.

When asked why students were interested in the program, new member Haley-Marie Ellegood commented: “ I joined the leadership program because it is an excellent opportunity to grow as leader of the future.”

Noah Cunningham stated: “ I’m looking forward to learning more about our community and ways to improve it.”

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LEADERSHIP STUDENTS - Shown from left are: First row: Lisa Fujisawa, Haley-Marie Ellegood, Stacy Fujisawa, Amber Florence, Kristen Boaz, Jesse Broyles. Second row: Brook Jackson, Alisha Samuel, Kinsey Lock, Madison Ward, Max Jewell. Third row: Peyton Rodriguez, Kayla Boaz, McKenzie Hobbs, Danielle Cruse, Hailey Dixon, Trent Stairs. Fourth row: Bailey Clark, Jade Florence, Savannah Sublette, Rachel Jackson, Maresha Simmons, Jonathan Reynolds. Back row: Ben Wilson, Madison Mitchell, Sarah Harpo, Noah Cunningham. Not pictured: Melody Russell. (Photo by Jennifer Nuckolls.)

Clinton missionary takes bibles on SD cards to battered, oppressed women in Thailand

Sally Moon

Clinton local, Mrs. Kari Clark, wife of First Baptist Church Pastor, Kevin Clark, just returned from her first international missionary trip last week. After 16 hours and several layovers covering nearly half the world, she and her small group of ten women hit the ground running in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Theirs was not the typical mission in which you have a tangible goal, like building a few homes, or helping teach children. This groups’ goal was more nebulous, slightly darker and would

indelibly change the way Mrs. Clark viewed her own purpose in God’s calling. “God did more to change me.. our purpose started out one thing and [changed] into a whole other thing.”

After several years of prayer and one failed attempt to go on a mission to India, Mrs. Clark finally got the opportunity to help spread God’s word to women who are being exploited by men. She attempted to bring a very bright light into a very dark world, fraught with many roadblocks such as the language barrier and the very

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Keri Dowdy with a child in Thailand

Hickman-Fulton RECC rates not increasing

Charlotte Smith

“We are going to absorb TVA’s rate increase,” stated Hickman-Fulton Counties Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation (RECC) President/CEO Greg Grissom. “I am keeping my promise and we are not raising our rates in 2013.” Grissom made the announcement during RECC’s advisory board meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 4.

Back on August 22, TVA announced a 1.5% rate hike by new TVA CEO Bill Johnson. The last TVA rate hike was in

2011.

With RECC’s decision to absorb this rate hike, it will cost the electric cooperative a little over \$100,000. “We have chosen to ride out this storm,” Grissom said. “The 1.5% increase, which is set to begin October 1, will not affect our retail customers.” TVA has also said that they will not have a rate increase in 2014, but there is a strong possibility that a rate increase will be mandated in 2015.

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We want to hear from you!

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LOCAL NEWS



CORN HOLE AT SENIOR CENTER

Regulars at the Hickman County Senior Citizen’s Center were treated Thursday to an afternoon of corn hole, thanks to Kayla Burpo, community liaison at Clinton-Hickman County ICF, who brought the boards and beanbags for the seniors to try their hand at the classic game. Burpo is shown with Rhonda Crick, of the senior center, and Carol Vance (top left), J.C. Jackson (top right), and Martha Fushing (bottom right). (Photos by Daniel Richardson)



Annual picnic draws crowd at Columbus

Jennifer Nuckolls

Churches from all over the region joined together in fellowship at Columbus State Park on Sunday, September 8 for the West Kentucky Baptist Association’s annual picnic.

With more than one hundred people present, the congregation began the evening off with praise and worship lead by Dallas Pruitt and Barry Patrick.

L.J. Frizzell was among the few church members who brought forth songs for entertainment. He told the crowd: “Even at this park, this is God’s place; God’s Creation.” He sang...”we are standing on Holy Ground and I know there are angels all around - a verse from the well-known hymn “Holy Ground”.

A meal was provided by the Southern Baptist Disaster Relief crew and the West Kentucky Baptist Association. After the meal Missionary Cecil Fayard of the Ship to Shore Ministries delivered a sermon.

Bro. Fayard has been a Pastor for 35 years and now is a Missionary to seafarers who come to the ports off the Coast.

Receiving God’s message with a beautiful view of the Mighty Mississippi background was a pleasant way to start off the upcoming week.

Lost Art of Rag Rug Making Workshop

Learn the old time art making your own rag rug. This is easy to learn and could be a way to “repurpose” fabric or strips of woven cloth from discarded items. The Class is taught by Jonda Smith.. The cost is \$10 per participant. Please register and find out what supplies you need to bring, call 653-2231. Registration is limited.

When: Saturday, October 5, 2013 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Where: Hickman County Extension Office, Clinton, KY
Cost: \$10.00
Teacher: Jonda Smith
Reserve you spot by calling 270-653-2231



Some of the paperweights currently displayed in the Hickman County Courthouse display case.

Paperweight collection in courthouse display case

The Hickman County Arts Council invites you to come by and see the interesting and colorful display in the Hickman County Courthouse display case. The last display (student art work) was replaced last Tuesday by the paperweight collection of Dorothy Nell Harper. Collecting objects, whether they be boxes, bells, Christmas houses, birds, etc. can be an enjoyable experience and such fun to share with others.

Arts Council members are already planning this year’s Arts/Craft/Book Fair which is held annually on the first Saturday in December. Also in the display case are a few of the intricate pieces of Larry Carter’s woodcarving. Larry is a new vendor whose work will be for sale at the Fair this year. Wood carvings could be collected or perhaps purchased for that special, one-of-a-kind Christmas gift.

Restaurant robbed in Fulton

The Fulton Police Department is currently conducting an investigation of a robbery which occurred at Wendy’s Restaurant in Fulton Sept. 1 at approximately 9:34 p.m.

The Fulton Police Department was dispatched to a report of a robbery at that time at Wendy’s on Nolan Avenue.

Witnesses described the suspect as a tall black male wearing a blue mask and dark clothing.

The suspect was last seen running on foot from the back

of the business, and several customers were in the store eating during the incident.

One injury was reported, the manager of the store, who was accosted by the perpetrator. The manager was transported to Parkway Regional Hospital for treatment.

The robber escaped with an undisclosed amount of money from the cash office.

Officers from the Fulton Police Department, South Fulton Police Department, Fulton County Sheriff’s Office,

Kentucky State Police and the Hickman Police Department assisted in searching for the suspect. Interviews of the store employees were conducted and the scene was released after processing.

Any customers in the store and anyone with information is asked to call the Fulton Police Department at (270) 472-3141 and speak with Chief Terry Powell or Lieutenant Steven Williams.

Fiscal Court

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the board agreed to the funding and will continue to look for more resources to benefit the organization.

Another item of business discussed was the current complaint that was received from a resident in the Springhill community. It has been requested that the county do something to help reduce the speeding problem that residents are facing on Bugg Road in Springhill. It has been brought to the board’s attention that speeding and other traffic problems on this county road

has been going on for some period of time. Upon approval by the board it was decided to set the speed limit for this road to 35 miles per hour. Due to small children in the area and family pets that have been hit or killed, both the fiscal court and sheriff’s department feel that this speed limit decrease is a must.

New speed limit signs will be placed along Bugg Road within the near future and the sheriff’s department plans to take great measures to make sure that it is enforced.

Other items of business that were reviewed at the September meeting included the purchase of new playground equipment for the Blair Street Park, a motion to agree to intervene with the Water Service Corporation proposed rate increase, and an agreement to purchase new county road sign-driver equipment.

The next meeting of the Hickman County Fiscal Court will be held on Monday, October 14, at 6:30 p.m.

Q and A

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wrote in a correspondence with The Hickman County Gazette. “We are currently working on songs for our new upcoming

project, which should be out in mid to late spring 2014.”

A sample of Q and A’s music can be heard at

www.reverbnation.com/theqandasession. The band can also be followed at www.facebook.com/theqandasession.

Poole getting settled in as new library director

Jennifer Nuckolls

Things seem to be going smoothly for Laura Poole as she gets accustomed to her new job as Director of the Hickman County Public Library. Poole started her new position on September 1 and has learned many new things during the short period of time.

Poole grew up and graduated high school in Livingston County. In 2008 she graduated from Murray State University where she received her Bachelors in Art, History and Museums. She moved to Clinton a little over a year ago when she married her husband, Clinton City Administrator, Allen Poole.

As the new library director, Poole plans to become more involved with the local schools and the community. She has big plans for the Library and looks forward to keeping things up as Mrs. Alma Blair did before. She told sources that she enjoys her new job so far stating, “the hardest part is trying to remember who’s name goes with what face.” She has been introduced to several new people during the transition and looks forward to working with



Laura Poole
Director, Hickman County Public Library

them all as time goes by.

Other than the library, Poole is involved in several other organizations in Hickman County. She is currently on the Board of Directors for the Hickman County Museum and also part of the museum’s Exhibit Committee.

Outside of her busy work life, Poole enjoys being a Civil War reenactor which she has been participating in for over 15 years. She and her family have been part of reenactments in Kentucky, Mississippi, Indiana, Missouri and Tennessee. When asked what got her interested in

museums and reenacting, she jokingly stated, “I have always been a History Nerd.”

Poole plans to attend this year’s Civil War’s Day Reenactment in mid-October at Columbus-Belmont State Park.

Poole has high hopes for her new career and looks forward to working with the community who have all been very welcoming to her.

The Hickman County Public Library is open on Tuesday through Fridays 2-5pm and on Saturdays 9:30am-12:30pm.

City Council

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and deal with the problem however they can.

Mary Potter, who passed out copies of a letter to councilmembers at the beginning of the meeting, was the last guest to address the council. In her letter, Potter stated “For the third time in six years, Water Services Corporation of Kentucky is requesting a water rate increase. This time, the Water Company want close to an 11 percent rate increase.” Potter cited an advertisement published recently in The Hickman County Gazette. Potter asked the council to file a motion to intervene in the case, which they did after a motion from Councilman Howard Dillard and a second on that motion by Councilwoman Yvette Thomas.

She stated that “no entity has a closer working relationship with the water company than the City of Clinton.”

She also asked that the City of Clinton begin to “divorce itself” from the water company and take steps to run its own utilities. After her presentation, Councilman Ivan Potter made a motion for the city to “undertake a study” to begin taking steps to take over the local sewer and gas services. The motion passed unanimously after being seconded by Councilman Dillard.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Clinton City Council is Monday, Oct. 7.

RECC

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“We are a small distributor,” stated Grissom. “No growth has an affect on us. Population means revenue. A larger customer base allows us to spread our costs more efficiently.”

Grissom also touched on how federal mandates regarding coal and fossil fuels affects TVA and, in turn, RECC. The requirement to move from coal to other fuels does affect electric costs. Valley wide in the Tennessee service area low growth is down and demand is down.

“Natural gas right now is down,” he added, “and seems to be the fuel of choice for most electric generators however natural gas has had an historical unstable cycle - and has experienced volatile price changes on the short term basis, which in turn affects our wholesale rates from TVA.”

Consumer surveys assist RECC to work to improve their overall performance within the area that they service. “We want to know what you think,” he said. “So we can reach member satisfaction goals. I highly encourage our members to participate if they receive a call.” Last quarter RECC randomly sampled 258 members and we will continue to take random surveys through 2014.

RECC’s guiding light is their long-term strategy. “Last year we kicked off our 5-year construction work plan,” stated Grissom.

Substation upgrades and circuit upgrades in the Fulgham area in the eastern side of Hickman County are two current projects currently in the works.

“We have invested \$1 million in the plant this year,” he said. “We are non-profit. Everything goes back into the system.”

RECC employees have been working six days a week for most of the summer on current construction projects, mainly irrigation systems. “We have added 42 new accounts for irrigation,” Grissom said. “This translates into 1,600 horse power, which creates engineering hurdles we have to

jump over.”

Two hundred and seventy work orders have been completed. These involve multiple facets of customer service requests this year since January 2013.

“The Hickman substation and the Clinton substation are included in the 5 year work plan and major equipment over hauls have already been completed and other facets are already included in next year,” added Grissom.

With a healthy financial status RECC has the ability to absorb capital expenditures to make projects like the Hickman substation and one in Clinton possible.

After 4 years of hard work and record keeping the staff at RECC was able to win an appeal on a FEMA case. The last outstanding payment was denied originally, showed records and the last \$987,000 was received about a month and a half ago. A huge boost for capital needed of our continuing projects. These projects will benefit the member on the system with better reliability and power quality.

Right of Way work, under the direction of Rex Coffey, is now in progress. RECC has allocated \$650,000 in 2014 for this project, which includes 147-mile circuit. Coffey has been busy counting trees and marking them with red dots and is in proposal negotiations with several right of way contractors.

Some of the areas of concern that RECC continues to address include:

- Outage duration times
- Response times to outages
- Unknown reasons for outages
- Bill payment options
- Customer assistance with energy efficiency programs

Unusual outages include snakes in electrical boxes and bullet holes.

“You hear a lot of things and when you don’t know the answer, call us,” stated RECC Board Chairman David Kimbell. “Our employees will be happy to tell you why.”



Greg Grissam
President/CEO, Hickman-Fulton Rural Electric Cooperative



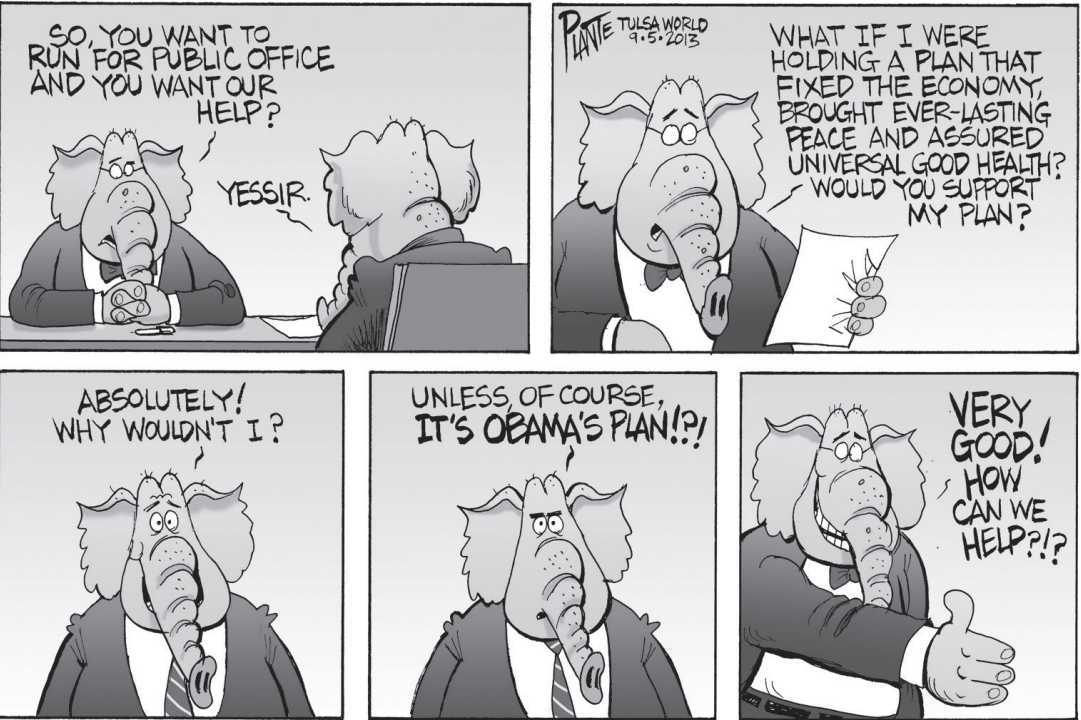
David Kimbell
RECC Board Chairman

Kimbell also touched on the fact that other electrical co-ops are passing 21 to 30% rate increases on to their customers, but not RECC. “We are not going up,” said Kimbell. “We are staying with TVA.”

“Our board sees the big picture and understands how one wrong decision affects us,” added Grissom. “TVA’s diversity gives us more options to control rates as we move into uncertain times in the power industry.”

Adding new industry, not only increases the load, but also eases the burden for all RECC’s customers. Right now 40% of their customer base is industrial, 10-12% is small commercial and the remainder is residential. “We care about them all,” stated Grissom.

Local News/Opinion



HALLELUJAH!!! We have a new bridge on State Route 1037, otherwise known locally as “Crapshoot Road”! I know most of us remember many years of traveling over that old rickety railroad bridge and we are all very thankful for the new modern concrete bridge that is there now. I want to thank Governor Beshear and former State Senator Ken Winters for being two of the many people who have assisted us in getting this project completed quicker than planned. Former Senator Winters kind of took this on as a local priority project for us. This project was on the state’s six-year road plan but not scheduled for completion as quickly as it was done. We appreciate the State Department of Transportation, Coffey Construction Company, and all those that had a part in getting this project successfully completed.

We also are very thankful to get the bridge projects on Kentucky 307 South of Fulgham underway. These projects have also been on the state’s six-year road plan for some time and are now getting done just a little ahead of the original schedule. These bridges are also old, outdated and too narrow for some of today’s traffic. That part of Ky. 307 carries quite a bit of traffic heading south to jobs located in the industrial Park located just past the county

line, and that traffic will be picking up soon as new jobs are locating there. Additionally, some of our larger agricultural equipment will be better served by these wider, sturdier bridges. Again, we thank Governor Beshear, Kentucky DOT and all those that have assisted in getting these projects scheduled and started.

It is about the time of year we will be starting our annual chip and seal work on county roads. We caution drivers that live on or travel on those roads to be careful as that work is being done. Increased equipment and workers will be present. Drivers who travel on roads that have been sealed will need to proceed with a little more caution than usual for a couple of weeks after the work is done. The fresh oil and fresh rock can create the need for more cautious driving particularly on narrow and/or curvy roads. So over the next couple of months please be careful and aware on those county roads that are being chipped and sealed.

In addition to our chip and seal work, we have made a request to the Kentucky Department of Transportation for funding to do approximately nine miles of new paving on county roads. While we do not yet have that contract in hand, we have been assured by Kentucky DOT that it will be forthcoming. We hope to be able to get this funding in

time to get the paving completed before winter.

It has been a great summer in getting transportation projects done in Hickman County. The replacement of the four bridges mentioned above and the upcoming chip and seal and paving will top off a good year of transportation improvement in Hickman County. I and the Fiscal Court will continue to seek state funding to continue to deal with more bridge and paving projects all across the county.

Just want to say one quick word of Thank You for those volunteers that continue to work with the county in our recycling program. The collection that has been done at the road department the last two months has gone well, and we appreciate the work of everyone involved in that project.

Finally, I want to say a big thank you to all the different groups and individuals who are working together on our Blair Street Park project. This county park is an important part of our recreational opportunities in the county, and we look forward to getting some new equipment and new surroundings in the park for all our community to enjoy.

Again, thanks to all of you who work hard together to make our county a better place to live!



Hire Veterans

The morning news regularly carries segments about companies that are hiring veterans. Five were mentioned Monday.

What a good idea...one that got me to thinking. All three of our sons are military.

How many millions of dollars have been shelled out to top-tier people in some of those large companies the U.S. government has bailed out?

Kenneth Feinberg, the U.S. Treasury Department’s pay czar, reviewed pay among the top 25 executives at 419 firms that received government assistance before February 17, 2009. Some of the payments exceeded \$10 million, as in the case of one individual.

The 17 firms identified in his report include American Express, AIG, Bank of America, Boston Private Financial Holdings, Capital One, CIT,

those who made steep cuts.

I don’t promote failure of large businesses, but maybe a few failures of those mentioned above would have worked. It is clear that bailouts did not avert a recession. These past five years have been extremely tough on small businesses.

Small business is the backbone of our nation’s economy. As evidenced by the huge bonuses paid to top officers of the larger corporations like those 17 cited above, those companies have the resources and reserves to pull themselves out of financial crunches. And if they did not, then they should have.

A little help for the smaller businesses, like those mom and pop operations, seems to make better sense. And what better place to start than by putting our veterans, who have laid their lives on the line for our country, to work?

LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Editor,

September 11, 2001 will be forever etched in our memories as one of the worst days in America’s great history. Many of us can remember exactly where we were and what we were doing when we heard of the news and saw the horrific footage as the Twin Towers crashed to the ground.

Yet at the same time we saw something greater that will always win over evil. We witnessed the American spirit of determination, helping a friend,

volunteering, good deeds, and the giving of money and time. The heart of America will never be broken.

On September 11, 2013 Hickman County High School’s faculty and students will celebrate “I Will Make a Difference Day” in honor of 9-11. A simple yet powerful ceremony will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the gym. Our school has pledged over 300 good deeds to be given to someone as we celebrate “I will make a difference day.” Please join us for the ceremony and we

are asking each of you to begin thinking now, “What will YOU do to make a difference on this day?”

For more information on 9-11 Day please refer to <http://www.911day.org>.

Thanks, as always, for the support of our great school and community.

Mrs. Karen Dean
Faculty, Hickman County High School
Clinton, KY 42031
(270) 653-4044

District Court

Not an official court docket

The following cases were heard before the Hon. Hunter B. Whitesell II during Hickman County District Court on 9/9/13. This is not an official docket.

Joshua S. Damron. Operate MV Under/Influ Alc/Drugs, .08 Aggravator, 2nd Off. 180 days, serve 30. Balance conditionally discharged two years. License suspended one year. \$350 fine. Operating On Suspended/Revoked Operators License. 30 days, serve 5, consecutive. \$100 fine. Balance conditionally discharged two years.

Demond S. Barnett. Disregarding Stop Sign. Pledged guilty. \$20 fine. Failure To Notify Address Change to Dept. of Transportation. Pledged guilty. \$25 fine.

Steven W. Blaylock. Menacing. 90 days, serve 15. Balance conditionally discharged two years.

Keith A. Burton. Speeding 24 Mph. Over Limit. Amend to 15 Mph. Over. \$30 fine.

Jessica Conner. Wanton Endangerment- 1st Degree. 6 mo. diversion entered. Assault 4th Degree No Visible Injury. To have no contact with person named in court or their family for six months without permission of court.

Timothy M. Floyd. Operating Vehicle With Expired Operators License. Pledged guilty. \$25. Suspend fine. Failure of Owner to Maintain Required Insurance/Security 1st. Pledged guilty. 30 days, conditionally discharged two years. Proof shown. \$100 fine, suspended.

Mary E. Gunn. Speed 17 Mph. Over (Limited Access). Cont. to 9/16/13.

George K. Haynes. Speed 10 Mph. Over (Limited Access). 6 mo. diversion entered.

James G. Kelly. Speed 12 Mph. Over (Limited Access) FTA.

Jessica Lynn McKinney. Wanton Endangerment- 2nd Degree. 6 mo. diversion entered. To have no contact with person named in court or their family for six months without permission of court.

James C. Pelt. Speed 12 Mph. Over (Limited Access). Continue to 9/16/13.

Kathy Ann Pirtle. Speeding 15 Mph. Over Limit. 6 mo. diversion entered.

Rachel R. Pledge. Speed 13 Mph. Over (Limited access). 6 mo. diversion entered.

Joshua M. Travers. Speeding 14 Mph. Over Limit. 6 mo. diversion entered. Failure of Owner to Maintain Required Insurance/Security 1st. Dismiss on proof shown. No/Expired Registration Plates. Informally divert for six months. Instruction Permit Violations. Dismiss.

Terika S. Walker. Speeding 20 Mph. Over Limit. FTA.

William J. Spate. Hardship License Hearing. No action taken.

Michael D. Lutz. Other Hearing. Poss. of Marijuana. Drug Paraphernalia- Buy/ Possess. Convert 45 days conditionally discharged two years to 10 day sentence.

Joan Harper. Diversion completion. Dismiss, compliant.

Charleenia D. McClary. Diversion completion. Dismiss, compliant.

Kayla C. Sanders. Diversion completion. Dismiss, compliant.

Kadie E. Burpo. Show Cause Hearing. Con’t. two weeks for proof of drug screen.

Quenton P. Gamble. Show Cause Hearing. Proof shown.

Ryan D. Thomas. Show Cause Hearing. Con’t. two weeks for proof of drug screen.

Troy W. Vaughn. Show Cause Hearing. Proof shown.

Garrett Walters. Show Cause

Hearing.

Barry Knox. Review. Proof shown.

Christy Gamble. Operating on Suspended/Revoked Operators License. 30 days, conditionally discharged two years. \$100 fine.

Todd B. Lemons. Cont. one week. Amend: KRS189A0105 (E).

Trevor Dylan Ward. Disregarding Stop Sign. Pledged guilty. \$25 fine. Operating on Suspended/Revoked Operators License. Pledged guilty. 30 days, conditionally discharged two years. \$100 fine. No Motorcycle Operators License. Pledged guilty. \$100 fine. Controlled Substance Prescription Not in Original Container 1st. Pledged guilty. 90 days, conditionally discharged two years. Failure to Comply w/Helmet Law>21 years. Pledged guilty. \$25 fine.

Skyler A. McFadden. Speeding 19 Mph. Over Limit. Pledged guilty. \$38 fine. Fleeing or Evading Police, 1st Degree. Amend to Reckless Driving. Wanton Endangerment 1st amended to Wanton Endangerment 2nd. Criminal Mischief, 1st amended to Criminal Mischief 2nd. To stay in high school and bring all grades to passing and finish high school and provide proof to court monthly. Turn in operator’s license to court for 60 days. Take long form driving school at Fred Meyers and provide proof w/in 14 days, 75 hours community service or 360/serve 3 days.

Ronnie v. Triplett. Operate MV U/Influ of Alc/Drugs w/.08 Aggravator, 1st Off. Pledged guilty. 30 days, conditionally discharged two years. License suspended 90 days. \$200 fine. Poss. of Marijuana. Pledged guilty. 45 days, conditionally discharged two years. 6 mo. drug screens. Tampering with Physical evidence. Dismiss.

Dusty McGary. Local County Ordinance. Dismiss.

Kenneth L. McGary. Local County Ordinance. Conditionally discharged two years- no further offenses. \$10 fine.

Leadership From Pg. 1

The Leadership students are geared up and ready to start doing their part in changing the future of Hickman County.

Important Leadership dates for the 2013-14 school year include:

August 16 – Recruit for	Leadership
	September 13 & 14 – Retreat @ Bone Cabin
	September 26 – Theme Day (PM)
	October 15 – Theme Day (AM)
	October 29 – Work Day (PM)
	November 19 – Theme Day (AM)

BURCHAM-It was an enormous comfort to the family that so many honored the memory of Betty Burcham.

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CommunityNews

Area Obituary

Percy Veatch

 Percy Max Veatch, 76, of Clinton, Ky., died Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2013 at Baptist Health in Paducah.

He was a member of New Harmony Baptist Church in Clinton and served four years in the U.S. Airforce. He was a retired mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service.

Surviving are one son, Tim Veatch of Mayfield, Ky.; and one grandson, Jeremy Veatch of Cincinnati, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Doris Jean Pittman Veatch; one son, James Randall “Randy” Veatch; and his first wife, Patricia Maxwell Veatch. His parents were Percy J. and Willena Hiatt Veatch.

A private service will be held at a latter date.

Hornbeak Funeral Chapel in Fulton was in charge of arrangements.

Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church Revival

Revival-Revive - Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church in Oakton, Ky. will have revival September 9 – 13 at 7 p.m. nightly.

Guest speaker will be Pastor James Jones of New Harmony Missionary Baptist Church in Wooden Mills, Tenn. Special Choir and singing each night. Everyone invited.

Pastor Anthony Johnson, Sr.

Fall Fest to be held on September 28

The Hot August Night Event that was scheduled to be held on August 24 has been rescheduled to September 28 as Fall Fest on the Square from 10 a.m.- 8p.m. Please call 653-2231 if any questions.

Save the Date September 28!!!

Green Valley Missionary Baptist Church Revival

Green Valley Missionary Baptist Church will have fall Revival September 15 – 18 at 7 p.m. nightly. The speaker will be Rev. Daniel Donaldson, Pastor of Salem Baptist Church in Humbolt, Tenn.

Everyone is welcome.

Rev. Eugene McDonald, Pastor

Rev. Leroy Fitts, Assoc. min.

Fish fry will be at Jackson’s Chapel new church building.

Jackson’s Chapel Church is having a Fish Fry at their new church building on Hwy 944 on Sept. 27 from 5 – 7 p.m.

Fish and all the trimmings, dessert and drink. Tickets are \$7.50 in advance or \$8.00 at the door. See anyone in the church for tickets or call Ruby Lee at 270-653-4345.

Brooks Chapel is hosting women’s conference

Brooks Chapel ministries is hosting it’s annual women’s conference Sept 12 - Sept.14 at 230 Brooks Chapel rd. Fulton, KY 42041 Speakers will be Thurs Co-Pastor Bonita Quinn & Fri & Sat will be Pastor Darlene McCarty, conf times 7p.m. nightly & Sat. 10 a.m. For more info contact: Cynthia Boyce email cboyce907@gmail.com or 270-627-2041

SENIOR CHATTER

with Tammie

Upcoming Events: Charity Fall Golf Scramble on Saturday, September 28 at the Oakhill Country Club. It’s a 4 Person Golf Scramble and it cost \$100 per team to enter. We will have Mulligans, Skirts, Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, and a 50/50 Drawing. Concessions will be available on site. Carts available for rent, as well. Contact Betty Lynn Robinson for further details at the Senior Center 653-4314. All Proceeds go to the Senior Center. Thank you for your support.

We need some new programs at our senior center. Can you help us think of some where our seniors will live happier and healthier lives?

We need someone that is 60 years or older that would like to have a day full of activities and health events plus relaxation in our Adult Day Care facility. We have one more opening! Our Adult Day Care is on T-F from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., please call us and let us know. Our seniors participate in various activities daily and have breakfast, lunch, and a snack provided.

We had two more people join our exercise facility this month. They are Cindy Lynch and Mary Jane Byassee. Our exercise center is geared to women and men. We have treadmills, bikes, ab machines, a crosstrainer, and toning beds to name some of our exercise equipment. Also, we have a break room with a table and drink machine. We are here to help you with getting motivated and

sticking with it! It is so easy to procrastinate so just say, “I love me, and I am gonna take care of myself!” If you want to join our exercise center, I will personally show you each machine and explain the proper way to use them. We can discuss a training schedule that suits your lifestyle. Our Zumba class has energetic members who support each other with our fitness goals. You may wonder when our aerobic classes are offered. It is Tuesday and Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. We can have a class later or earlier if the need is there. It’s \$3 per time and if you come twice in a week it is only \$5. Now, if you are a member in our workout facility and pay \$20 already then you can just add \$10 to that and have unlimited exercise and aerobics twice a week for just \$30 a month! We have been doing Zumba, but we are willing to do a class of lower impact, as well. Likewise, the exercise facility is starting to get more members now. The first time is free and each additional time during your first month is \$3.

If you would like to rent our building for a birthday, anniversary, baby shower, et. The rental fee is \$50 with a \$25 cleaning fee. The cleaning fee is returned if you leave the building in good condition. We appreciate your support.

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Sept. 11

10:30 a.m. - Play dominoe
1 p.m. - Health education/
Amy Thompson
Thursday, Sept. 12
10:30 a.m. - Steve Virgo/
Regional HH

Authors & Arts & Crafts vendors needed

The Hickman County Friends of the Arts is in the planning stages for their upcoming Christmas Arts/Crafts/Book Fair set for Saturday, December 7th, in the gymnasium at the Hickman County Elementary School in Clinton. The Fair draws shoppers from western Kentucky and northwestern Tennessee and is expected to be even bigger and better this year due to an advertising budget that includes a direct mail catalog.

The Fair is currently recruiting new vendors and is limited to craftsmen and artists who hand-make their own items for sale, vendors who offer food items prepared in their own kitchens and local companies, as well as authors who are selling their own publications. Vendors offering products and food items that are commercially made are not accepted by the Fair. The cost for a booth is \$40 (\$30 to HCAC members).

For more information, artists, craftsmen, and authors should contact Danny Whitlock at 270-653-4379 or whitlockdg@bellsouth.net. Applications are being mailed in mid-September. Please respond quickly to reserve your booth space.

Block Party will be held on September 21

Columbus Block Party will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 in Columbus, Ky. at the basketball court on Hwy. 123 West coming from Clinton.

Come out and enjoy a great day of family fun. There will be a day of games, free food and drawing for prizes. There will also be speakers talking to the youth about the importance of drug awareness. Please bring your own chairs. For more information call Stephon Macklin at 270-254-0521,

Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church Homecoming

Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church in Oakton, Ky. will be celebrating Homecoming Sunday, Sept. 15. Guest speaker will be Pastor Michael Benford of Lake Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Hickman, Ky.

Program at 3 p.m. Dinner upon guest arrival.

Pastor Anthony Johnson, Sr.

1 p.m. - Play Bingo
1/6 p.m. - Card players
2:30 p.m. - Bord meeting
Friday, Sept. 13

10:30 a.m. - Lisa Adams/UK
Ext./food safety
Monday, Sept. 16

11 a.m. Toning time
Tuesday, Sept. 17

10:30 a.m. - Brother Max Cooper
12 noon - Birthday cake
1 p.m. - Client’s birthday party

6 p.m. - Bingo
MENU - Sept. 11-17

Wednesday, Sept. 11
Baked ham, baked beans,

creamy coleslaw, w/w roll, pineapple chunks,

Thursday, Sept. 12
Hot roast beef sandwich,

mashed potatoes, gravy, steamed broccoli, buttered corn, strawberry dessert

Friday, Sept. 13
Roast turkey, green beans

with new potatoes, tomato slices, dirt pudding, whipped topping

Monday, Sept. 16
Hamburger on bun, relish

plate, succotash, watermelon baked fries

Tuesday, Sept. 17
Chicken salad on lettuce

leaf, tomato slices, oat bran muffin, three bean salad,

chocolate pudding.

Second Baptist News

By Teresa Walton Pearson

Bro. John Hill gave the Sunday School devotion from Isaiah 59 “We must take a stand.”

Johnna Riggs sang “Little by Little.”

What a great day in the Lord we had Sunday morning as the Holy Spirit moved through the church before the Sunday morning sermon began.

Ed Johnson read scripture that the Lord has laid on his heart from Psalms 143, 144, and 145.

Bro. Dustin’s Sunday morning sermon was taken from Revelation 5:1-12, “Worthy is the Lamb.”

Sunday night Second Baptist Church observed The Lord’s Supper.

Our annual fish fry will be held September 21 at the church.

The church library is up and going, we have some of the books that were salvaged from the old church and lots of new books.

It will soon be time to fill shoe boxes for Samaritans Purse, start collecting

small items for Children’s Christmas Shoe Boxes.

Happy Birthday this week to: Taylor Johnson, Wanda Cox, Amanda Warren, Ricky Grubbs, and Bro. Dustin Cunningham.

Please pray for Thomas Dublin, Bill Wheatly, Levi Dugger, James Neil Mathis, Jeff Smith, Joe Ben Elliott, Donna Bryan, Jennifer Wray, Emma Barclay, Tom Baker, Tom & Dorothy Hoskins, Teen Garrison, Cynthia Walton, Austin Upshaw, Helen Holmes, Josh Harpole, Josephine Shadwick, Mildred Morrison, Eloise Harrison, Gerald & Edna Roper, Jackie Ballard, Ruth Jewell, Wilma King, Katina Martin, Harold Jones, Hal Cannon, also pray for the family of Doris & Max Veatch.

Visitors are always welcome at Second Baptist Church. Sunday School starts at 10 a.m. Worship service is at 11a.m. Sunday night worship service is at 6 p.m. and Wednesday night 7 p.m. Pastor Bro. Dustin Cunningham.

The Wilderness Voice

By Pastor Tom Hoskins

SYRIA-TO GO OR NOT. The president wants to make air strikes against Syria because he believes the present regime has gassed its people including some four hundred children. This nation is divided on the issue. It is a horrible thing and heart breaking to see such atrocity. Questions is: Would God be pleased? Could we do so with His approval? What about the children?

Can we, as a nation, attack another for committing the same crime of which we are guilty? We kill literally thousands of babies each year in America and the president never blinks an

eye, and it does not make the evening news. These are little ones who cannot cry out, the most vulnerable and innocent. They are destroyed before they can see the light of day. They are murdered in their mother’s womb in abortion clinics. How can such be called a clinic? It is like saying heavenly devil.

Jesus called the Pharisees hypocrites for saying one thing and being something else (Mt. 7:5), etc. To condemn Syria for doing the same thing we do is pure hypocrisy. It’s the pot calling the kettle black. Corruption cannot clean up corruption. We have seen our utter failure

in the Middle East despite all the hype to the contrary. We have lost our standing on the world stage and yet we go on blindly flexing our muscles like a modern day Samson. America had best repent and clean up her act before an angry God (He can be pushed there) allows some contemporary Philistine to poke out her eyes. America needs to repent. “And Samson called upon the Lord” (Judges 16:28). Park your planes America until you allow God to purge and purify your hearts and then perhaps He’ll let you come to the aid of the dying and downtrodden.

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Every Monday:
• AA meets at 8 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Clinton.

First Monday:
• Masonic Lodge 131 F&AM meets the first Monday night of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Second Monday:
• Library Board meets the second Monday at the library at 4.
• **The Hickman Co. Arts Council** meets at 4 p.m. on the fourth Monday of every

month at the Young Center. The public is invited to attend. www.hickmancoarts.com.

Every Wednesday:
• 7 a.m.- Community Prayer Service at First United Methodist Church.

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• **Hickman Co. Board of Education** normally meets the third Thursday of every month

• **Clinton City Council** meets first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at Clinton City Hall and

Columbus City Council meets at 6 p.m., the first Monday of the month at Columbus City Hall.

• **Wesley United Methodist Church** on Hwy. 1529 East will have their community breakfast the last Saturday of each month at 6:30-8:30 a.m. Everyone welcome.

• **Columbus Block Party** - 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 at the Basketball Court in Columbus.

• **Fall Fest** will be held Saturday, Sept. 28 on the court square.

• **Columbus School Reunion**- will be held on Sunday, Sept. 15 at 1 p.m. at Sweet Wood Lodge on Hwy 51 North, Fulton, Ky.

• **Jackson's Chapel Church** Fish Fry will be Friday, Sept. 27 from 5 - 7 p.m. at the new church building.



SCOTT SCHOOL (1930-31) Bottom row (left to right)—Emalee Stephens, Hazel Warden, J.E. Murphy, Martin Warden, Robert Warden, Jr., Bob Claud, Catherine Nelson, Jay Watson, Gilbert Baker, Lewis Browder, Ernestine James and LaVerne Stephens. Back row (left to right)—Lula Belle Baker, Marie Watson, Ola Mae Watson, Hazel Stephens, Blanche Baker (teacher), Hazel Nelson, Hershal Stephens, Wilson Warden and Gladys Hudson. Scott School was located on the Haunted Hill Road (Spicer Bussey road) and has been remodeled into the Wallace Dodge residence.

Scott School-Photo submitted by Robert (Bob) Claud

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Schedule for week of September 16 - 20, 2013.

Mon., September 16, Mayfield, VA Clinic, 1253 Paris Rd, By Appointment, walk-ins will be scheduled an appointment. Visit the Clinic or phone 270-247-2455 to schedule an appointment.

Tue., September 17, Mayfield, VA Clinic, 1253 Paris Rd, By Appointment, walk-ins will be scheduled an appointment. Visit the Clinic or phone 270-247-2455 to schedule an appointment.

Wed., September 18, NOT AVAILABLE

Thur., September 19, Paducah, VA Clinic, 2620 Perkins Creek Rd, By Appointment, walk-ins will be scheduled an appointment. Visit the Clinic or phone 270-444-8465 to schedule an appointment.

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DONATING TO EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS - On Wednesday, Sept. 4, three area schools received one thousand dollar donations for their programs that promote college and career readiness for students. Accepting the donations from Hickman-Fulton Counties Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation President/CEO Greg Grissom (center) include: Angel Thompson, Carlisle County High School Guidance Counselor, Kelli Edging, Carlisle County High School Principal, Kenny Wilson, Hickman County Schools Superintendent, Grissom, Tracey Lamb, Fulton County High School Principal, Aaron Collins, Fulton County Schools Superintendent, and Ellen Murphy, Fulton County High School Assistant Principal and Dean of Students. (Photo by Charlotte Smith.)

RECC donates to schools to help fund academies and scholars programs

Charlotte Smith

Hickman-Fulton Counties Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation's (RECC) operation is based on seven cooperative principles. One of those principles is Concern for Community, which shows focus on not only member needs but also on sustainable development in the communities in which they work. On Wednesday, Sept. 4, RECC President/CEO Greg Grissom presented \$1,000 checks to help fund the Falcon Academy, Pilot Academy and Comet Scholars Program. The six remaining principles include: Voluntary and Open Membership, Democratic Member Control, Members' Economic Participation, Autonomy and Independence, Education, Training, and Information, and Cooperation Among Cooperatives. Representatives from all three schools echoed words of appreciation to the electric cooperative for their commitment to the students and communities.

"This community values education," stated Hickman County Schools Superintendent Kenny Wilson. "We now have 58 sponsors assisting us with our Falcon Academy. First Community Bank was the first and RECC is now the 58th." Others in attendance on Wednesday who have contributed to the Falcon Academy include Jerry and Ruth Ann Graham and Steve and Debbie Weatherford.

Wilson noted that Hickman County students have earned 3,751 credits hours in four years thanks to the supporters of the Falcon Academy. "This has all come at no cost to the

students or their parents," he added. "Kids now leave our school system with 42-45 college hours." While earning these college credits they have also gained knowledge on how to talk to college professors, prepare FAFSA forms and apply for financial aid.

"We will put your donation to good use," stated Wilson to Grissom and the RECC Advisory Board.

"We started offering English 101 and 102 for dual credit in the 2000-2001 school year and had steadily been adding courses as we could since that time," explained Kelli Edging, Principal at Carlisle County High School. "The Comet Scholars Program wasn't fully implemented until The Four Rivers Foundation began during the 2009-2010 school year." Until recently students at Carlisle County had to pay some books and tuition fees.

"The families are very much appreciative," she added. "Now 96% of our seniors have earned college credit, some with 20-30 hours. We have students entering college as sophomores. That doesn't happen in other places."

Carlisle County students have earned 900 credit hours in the last year, pointed out Edging, with the opportunity to take up to 20 different courses.

"Your generosity makes it all possible," noted Edging. "We appreciate your donation."

"Thank you," stated Fulton County Schools Superintendent Aaron Collins. "Your donation will assist with preparing our students to be college and career ready."

Also addressing the board on Wednesday representing Fulton County was Ellen Murphy,

Dean of Students and Fulton County High School Assistant Principal. "I am very passionate about our Pilot Academy," she said. "It has brought a change of culture to our high school."

Through the Pilot Academy and the Fulton County Area Technology Center, Fulton County students are motivated more now than ever to work hard to improve their ATC scores. "They want to take the college courses offered through the ATC, Murray State University and West Kentucky Technical and Community College."

She added that the Pilot Academy is putting Fulton County students ahead of the game. "Every senior will have college and technical school hours," noted Murphy. "This hasn't happened in many years. We even have juniors taking online classes."

Robbie Rudolph and the Four Rivers Scholarship Foundation is where this change of culture at these three area schools got its start. "He started it all," added Murphy. "Community Sponsors have kept it going. Their donations make it possible for students to take these classes without having to pay anything for the last three years."

Donations from area businesses, farmers, and individuals in the three counties benefits all the students. All three schools have many successes stories, just like the one at Fulton County where Sarah Bradley earned 55 college hours. When she started school at Lindsey Wilson, she entered with enough credits as a sophomore, almost a junior.

"It gives them hope," concluded Murphy.

Grandparent's week at HCES

Sunday, Sept. 8, was National Grandparent's Day, but students and staff at Hickman County Elementary are celebrating all week! On Monday, grandparents of students in Andrea Davis', Trina Fuller's, and Kerry Gallimore's classes were invited to have lunch with their grandchild. Tuesday, students from Kim Jackson's, Tracy Fussell's, and Jessica Riley's classes are inviting their grandparents.

Wednesday, grandparents of Stefanie Tucker's, Carol Byassee's, and Jenah Blalock's classes are invited for lunch. Thursday is Holly Burgess's, Melinda Abernathy's, and Nicole Terry's students' turn to dine with their grandparents, and Friday is reserved for Charlotte Goddard's, Rhonda Russelburg's, and Jeff Boaz's students' grandparents.

Monday, Sept. 16, Emily Smith's, Nicole Batts', and

Leslie Bizzle's students will invite their grandparents, and the event will wrap up next Tuesday with Debby Watson and M. Bizzle's students inviting their grandparents for lunch.

This method of spreading out the celebration allows for grandparents with several students to come on multiple occasions to spend time with each of their grandchildren.



Jack Byassee with his grandmother, Janie Howell



Kathy Reasons with her granddaughter, Lilly Wilmath



Kathy and Howard Kemp with their grandson, Nathan Gallimore



Rosemary Harper with her grandson, Jayivon Harper. Also shown are Vanessa Lightner and students Avery Moon and Abrionna Newbery.

Lady Falcons sweep mayfield, have trouble with Fulton City

Daniel Richardson

Behind the solid serving of stand-out freshman Sara Gardner, the Lady Falcon volleyball team put the Mayfield Lady Cardinals away Thursday night in only three sets. When Mayfield jumped out to a big lead in the third set, Lady Falcons fans were beginning to get deja vu from the previous week's grueling 5-set victory over Carlisle County, when the Lady Falcons won the first two sets and then were not able to put the Lady Comets away until the match was on the line in the fifth set. But the Lady Falcons came out from under a 10-point deficit to win the third set against Mayfield 27-25.

In the first set of the night, Hickman County was down 7-9 when Gardner stepped behind the line to serve. With her dynamic serve, the freshman served out the rest of the set, as the Lady Falcons won it 25-9. Gardner had a perfect 27 out of 27 serves in.

The second set wasn't won quite as easily as the first, but the Lady Falcons still made quick work of their opponents with a 25-14 win.

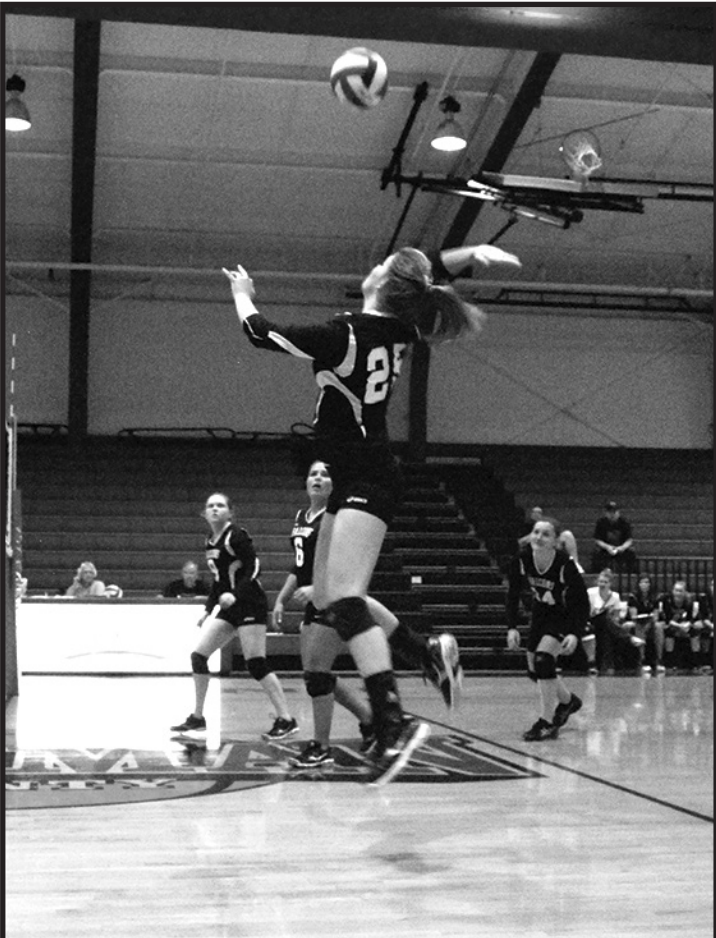
In the third set, the Lady Cardinals started clicking as they jumped out to a sizeable lead. The Lady Falcons, not wanting to relive the Carlisle County game of the previous week, regained composure and came back from their deficit to win the set 27-25.

On Saturday, the Lady Falcons traveled to Paducah to play in the All "A" Classic. They played four games to begin the tournament. Beating Carlisle County and St. Mary, but losing to Fulton City and CCA. In the elimination round, they were beat by Ballard County.

Monday night, Sept. 9, the Lady Falcons traveled to Fulton and had a rough night, losing the match in three sets.



Hickman County Freshman Sara Gardner prepares to send off a serve Thursday night against Mayfield. Gardner was 27 for 27 serves in during the match, and had an 18 point streak in the first set. (Photo by Daniel Richardson)



Lady Falcon junior Kaylee Webb goes up for one of her eight kills Thursday night against Mayfield.



FRIDAY FOLDERS - In what has become an annual event, several of the employees from First Community Bank that have children attending Hickman Co. Elementary presented to new Principal, Keri Dowdy the school's new "Friday Folders". These folders are used by teachers throughout the school to organize their students graded papers and other bits of information into one neat and tidy package to send home. Presenting the folders to Ms. Dowdy are Krista Dadd, Loan Processor; Karen Whitlock, Bookkeeping Clerk; Deena Pittman, Executive Assistant and Julie Clark, Teller.

Four Person Golf Scramble to benefit Senior Center

The Hickman County Senior Citizens Center will host a charity golf scramble on Saturday, September 28, at 1 p.m. at Oakhill Country Club. The entry fee is \$100 per team. Carts are available for rent, and concessions will be available. For more information, contact Betty Lynn Robinson at (270) 653-4314.



QUEST - QUEST participants playing at First United Methodist Church last Wednesday. (Photo by Jennifer Nuckolls.

QUEST off to great start

Jennifer Nuckolls

First United Methodist Church held its first QUEST Program of the school year last Wednesday September 4. Staff members assisted the children in a “blessing of the backpacks” where the students were told to remember that they were not alone when they went to school, that God loved them and was always near.”

Each child was prayed for by name and given a Quest bag tag with a bible verse on the back. The tag lets everyone see the child is a “Quest kid” and reminds the children that God is with them wherever they go! Quest Director Leanna Wilkerson is looking forward to the program stating: “We are off to a great start and can’t wait for the good times in store for this year!”



Richli Wilkerson prepares for a big kick at last week’s QUEST.

Museum fundraiser well attended

Jennifer Nuckolls

Customers were waiting in line for the doors to open up at Ruby Faye’s Restaurant early Saturday morning in support of The Hickman County Museum Fundraiser Breakfast.

A donation of \$6 per plate got customers more than enough good home-cooked food supplied by Ruby Faye’s.

Gordon Samples and his staff at Ruby Faye’s have provided the location, food and services for the fundraiser for four years now.

The Board and staff could not stress enough how thankful they are towards Ruby Faye’s for all that they do to make this happen each year.

The Hickman County Museum would also like to



FUMC Pastor Stan Waldon and wife Marilyn Waldon enjoy a warm breakfast in support of the Hickman County Museum.

thank everyone who came out and supported them and made a donation. They look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

Thailand

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men who ‘owned’ the women themselves.

Thailand’s main religion is Buddhism – more than 95 percent of the 66 million people living in the country are practicing Buddhists. Only a very small 0.7 percent of the population is considered to follow some variation of the Christian faith. So, to say that Mrs. Clark and her group of women had an up hill battle would be a vast understatement.

Once the group settled into Chiang Mai, they began to work alongside the missionaries already stationed in the dilapidated city. Passing out Bibles on SD cards to the women for them to listen to on their phones, taking prayer walks at night (when this part of the city was thriving with trade), and doing general leg work helped to alleviate the amount of work on a whole. “First of all, God doesn’t need me,” Clark said. “He is sufficient and He is enough. But He chooses to use us and when He does and He gets us involved, we most definitely are the ones changed.”

Even though Chiang Mai has recently become the second most popular tourist destination in Thailand, the city itself is very run down and quite poor. Favela-like, in which the buildings are cubed and built up several stories along the Chao Phraya River, there is no new construction to be seen, but rather old and tired buildings, cars and even older still, Temples. Some of the Temples within the moat of the city are very ancient, built around 1295 A.D. While Mrs. Clark saw many touches of home, like a Starbucks, McDonald’s and even a KFC, she abstained from anything American and instead immersed herself in the culture, food and music of the local people.

When speaking about the local cuisine, Mrs. Clark stated, “It’s amazing! I told my husband, ‘I don’t know if I’ll get the chance to come back here; but if I don’t, I don’t want to have missed anything while I’m here.’” Willing and able, she sampled such local fare as fresh fruit covered in fish sauce and shrimp. Thailand’s “...ridiculously good” coffee left her wishing she could have it every morning. Seaweed and shrimp chips, wasabi chips, candies and other local snacks managed to make their way into the ladies’ bags for their return trip.

While the purpose of their visit to Thailand was mostly business, the group did manage to have some fun as well. Meeting and greeting new people along their walks, and talking with the locals as much as they could really bolstered flagging spirits. The city has a



very large open market and while walking through the market, the women would hear traditional music played by citizens who had some form of birth defect. People who were blind, missing limbs, had atrophied limbs, etc. would be led or carried to the center of this market place and sat down so that they could play the beautiful and haunting music of their region.

Towards the end of the trip the group visited a local elephant park. Taking a ride on the trails - through the rivers and amongst the beautiful local scenery - brought about smiles and a new respect for these wonderful mammals. Mrs. Clark stated, “They are amazing animals, you would think they’d be big and clumsy, but he was so precise with where he placed his feet.” For her daughter, who was part of the missionary group as well, this was a dream come true.

The trip wasn’t very long in terms of days, from Sunday

through Thursday, but the time Mrs. Clark and the rest of the women had in Thailand would leave an indelible impression, not soon to be forgotten. When asked about how she felt about her missionary work, she said, “As hard as it was, we knew we did what God wanted us to do. There was no measuring stick... we couldn’t come away and say we got this and this done. It’s the people on the fringes that need [our help] the most. It was a reminder that these are the folks that God really intends for us to be there for.”

When asked if she would repeat her missionary trip Mrs. Clark replied, “Oh, absolutely. I came away with [the idea] that, the gospel is enough; more confident in my faith, more confident in my savior. I came away believing and understanding that He does care...He did so much to show Himself.”



SOFTBALL ACTION

Congratulations to the Hickman County Middle School softball team for recently placing 2nd in the Carlisle Co. 2013 Softball Bash. Pictured are members of the team: Front row (L to R) Kendra Curlin, Kortnee Woolard, Mallory Coates, Mallorie Hobbs, Emma Whitlock. Middle Row (L to R) Averee Jewell, Gracie Lusk, Alexis Burpo, Ally Samuels, Chelsea Johnson, Akacia Taylor. Back Row (L to R) Bill Prince, David Lusk & Jeff Boaz, head coach.

At right: Gracie Lusk hurls a pitch during last Thursday night’s loss to Mayfield. (Photo by Jennifer Nuckoll.)



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